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### THANKSGIVING SERMON.

The following is a complete text of the J. B. Worrall, Presbyterian, in the union services at the Elm-street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, last Thursday at eleven o'clock.

recalling the blessings of the past year, but at the hands of the people. a lesson from the events of the past twenty are soon prepared for anything. This last the latter man simply because he belonged depression which followed with the cry for were properly directed. bread from many starving mouths; the de- Is it not clearly evident that we are in the Communistic element, like the belching the war brought this reform? Far from it. forth of a volcano; the threatening anar- Many of the greatest scholars, the most dicating God's displeasure with us as a increasing. nation, would call upon us to remember may the words of this Scripture demand dition of Sodom, at the time it was de-

quently is it forgotten, especially in times up this nation for some great purpose, and best interests of the people. The Sabbath of prosperity or of great excitement. Pros- because we have done so much in the inter- edition of these papers, moreover, is full Upon nations its effects are even worse than allow us to be destroyed. But let us not special Sabbath papers are published, upon individuals. The people become sel- deceive ourselves. fish, luxurious, careless of their own interests and consequently the high moral standard which existed in times of difficulty and depositories of God's truth; that they might graphs; local politics, sketches, stories; struggle, is lowered so that corrupt men can be the instruments of scattering abroad the poems, matters personal and general, etc.," easily obtain high places and eat out the very life of the nation.

ing this fact, in his last address to his peo- sinned, and turned away from Him, he gave ple soil," When thou hast eaten and art them up to their sins, to captivity, and full, then shalt thou bless the Lord thy God | though they said they had Abraham to their for the good land which he hath given thee. father, though they were the covenant peo-Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy ple, He has scattered them to the ends of and have the true interestsof our country God, in not keeping his commandments, the earth and taken from them the glorious at heart. and his judgments and his statutes which privilege they enjoyed. I command thee this day; lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply and thy sil- fail to honor him. ver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up and thou forget the Lord thy God." And what was the result? They did not heed the warning of this holy man. When prosperity came they forgot God, and turning away worshipped idols and all the abom inations of the beathen, for which reason God gave them up to the just consequences of their own sins. And so I fear wehave forgotten or are fast forgetting the God of our fathers It is the glory of our country that it was to be a home for the oppressed and persecuted of other lands, especially those that were persecuted for righteousness' sake. Our native country was founded upon the prayers of those who came seeking religious liberty with the Bible as the great guide. The Pilgrin. Fathers kneeled upon the shore, first of all to thank God for this home where liberty reigned. And while all

"Righteousness is conformity to God's called a high moral sentiment.

stateman,- I had rather be right than any further use for these doctrines that Tilden and Hendricks Electors at the la President", this principle is expressed. were once held in such sacred regard.

BRECKENRIDGE NEWS ples to stability of government." Right tempted them to immoral methods of holdrighteous man will not be guided by selfish a course cannot be calculated.

That public sentiment in our country to- result in this case? Let every man answer day is very low, who can deny? All higher | for himself. principle seems to be sunk in party-interests.

News." All communications on Business, undermining the foundations of society, ential men, that they will not hear but one selves.

through three stages.

Thanksgiving Sermon, preached by the Rev. and struggling up through difficulties it se- merged in party politics. As Christians dom to fill important offices.

the nation has taken its place amongst the further to corrupt the morals of the country. Tuxt - Righteousness exalteth a nation .- kingdoms of the earth, peace and prosperity Proverbs xiv.34. reigns, and as there is no danger from with-The return of the National Day of out the people are less careful to choose the Thanksgiving, when we are called away best men for rulers, and men of ambition of sterling integrity, a man of eminent piety. from the daily avocations of life to wor- fill the highest offices, still public sentiment beloved by all who knew him, always ready ship Almighty God for the blessings of an- demands some evidence of patriotism and to help any in distress and continually other year, is a fit occasion, not only for integrity from those who would seek honors called upon in such cases, and besides all

when there are indications of national de- Third. The Venal Stage: When the namoralization; of wandering from the found- tion has become wealthy and corrupt; men ation principles of our national independ- seek office, not for the honor it confers, ence and prosperity; and especially when much less that they may be useful to their there are manifest evidences of God's discountry, but that they may make money; pleasure with us in His Providences, it votes can be bought and sold as commonly were indeed a fit time for the study of as wheat and corn, and those who buy their those great truths which God himself has election expect to get their money back proclaimed to be essential to the stability with interest while enjoying the emoluments and perpetuity of a nation's life. Since of the office. Then comes bribery with all nations receive their punishment in this its demoralizing influence; men cease to world, it would be well for us to-day to learn have confidence in rulers and judges, and years. The civil war, the greatest curse of state may occur when there are enough the nation, carrying with it a train of sor- righteous men in the nation to resist the row and suffering; the great commercial tide of corruption if only their influence

vouring flames that have visited the business this last state? A distinguished jurist tions, and virtue a hindrance. centers, destroying millions of dollar's worth made the remark before the war, that in of property; the plague of the grasshoppers, less than twenty years destruction would laying waste thousands of acres of the overtake this country unless some great rerichest land in the country; the uprising of form should be brought about. And has

chy and ruin, and latest of all, the terrible cautious, far-sighted and coolest heads of is the secular press. The public sentiment pestilence that has destroyed so many lives the nation, are fast losing confidence in reand blighted so many happy homes among publican forms of government. And the what is contained in the newspapers of the our Southern brethren—all these events in-

that we have forsaken the purity and up- facts, what is the duty of the Christians of als and less for religion. They are ready rightness of our early history, and have the land to the State and nation? We have to do any thing to advance their own selforsaken the God of our fathers. Well not yet fallen to the wretched and lost confish ends. The late Presidential campaign our serious thought to-day. "Righteous- stroyed. But the public sentiment of our for the truth. Nor do they have any regard people is certainly very much lower than it Perhaps there is no truth more obvious was one hundred years ago. Many good holy day but as a day of rest, is necessary than that stated in the text. Yet how fre- people, however, think that God has raised to the well being and continuance of the perity has often proved more dangerous to ests of liberty, and to send the gospel into of the demoralizing stories, the most individuals and families than adversity. various parts of the world that he will not wicked of the week; and not only this, but

The Israelitish nation was raised up for a nations of the earth. Yet though God car-Moses, the great leader of Israel, know-ried out his purpose in them, when they the salvation of mankind.

> And so it may be with us. God will accomplish his righteous purpose with us, but this will not save us from destruction if we in this way. It begins among the people.

> Let every Christian man, then, do his duty. Do not be so much "Sunday Christ- less time is spent in dress and the outward ians." Christianity is meant for the home circle, for social, business, and political life, as well as for the Sabbath day. It is meant for the interests of the State as well as for individuals and families. I would not be understood as advocating the union of Church and State. But I urge that men, while they do not satisfy; and more is given Christian men should carry their personal Christianity with them to the poles, to the convention, into all their patriotic acts. Religion as an element of politics or patriotism can not be left out without injury to the State. But on the other hand politics, indeed look for genuine and permanent reespecially party opinions, should never be carried into religion.

Let us look briefly at some of the causes which have brought about this national demoralization, that we may be better able to intelligently meet and counteract these are permitted to worship God according to their own ideas, or not to worship him at all, influences.

First. This is a fast age we live in. An olutions were unanimously adopted: yet this has been distinctively a Christian age of great progress. Men suppose that human nature is progressive. Man's abil- Democratic party of Kentucky is called to law, springing from faith in the gospel." ity is exalted. The old doctrine of total meet on Thursday, the first day of May, Paul calls it "Obedience to the faith." It depravity has become obsolete or unpopu- 1879, at 12 o'clock M., in the city of Louisis absolutely impossible that a high standard | lar. Rationalistic ideas have taken a great | ville, for the purpose of nominating candiof morals, either individual or national, hold upon the minds of even many good dates for State officers to be voted for at should be maintained without the doctrines people. Other foreign and practically the next August election, and performing of Christianity. This needs no further Atheistic doctrines have pervaded the re- such other duties as the interest of the proof than the facts of history reveal. No ligious atmosphere. So that men have party may require. The County Commitheathen nation, even the most enlightened gotten to think that they can now do well tees are urged to call their meetings of the of them, ever attained to what could be enough without the Bible and the Sabbath Democratic pople of their several counties day. We have not time to study the one or to appoint delegates to said convention, The greatest statesmen have always ac. rest on the other Prayer is considered an and in order to insure a full attendance, knowledged this truth. In the exclamation empty form, good only to occupy children they are requested to appoint one delegate that is ever repeated with pride in connec- and old women, perhaps having some for every one hundred votes, and one for tion with the name of Kentucky's greatest moral effect upon them. Men do not have every fraction over fifty votes east for the

A distinguished man, almost an infidel in Second. Wealth is the great god of the belief, once made the remark, "HI were mass of the people. "The prospect of in Kentucky be requested to publish the the greatest monarch of the world I would accumulating riches rapidly has tempted foregoing resolutions. enforce the religiou of the Bible by law and | many to extravagant speculations; and the the sword, so essential do I deem its princi- danger of losing it still more quickly has T. L. JEFFERSON, Secretary.

connexs promotes wise legislation. A ing it," The demoralizing effects of such

motives in the administration of the power | Third. We have failed to profit by the intrusted to him, but taking a higher and sad lessons of our civil war. It is the proader view of things, he would so direct greatest curse that can be sent upon a nothat all the best interests of his country and tion. God sent it fee some great popose. the world might be advanced; he rules as We have not profited by the history of one who must answer for his acts to Him God's dealings with other nations, and now that is higher and greater and mightier than he would scourge us that we may pauge, and all the kings and potentates of this world. repenting of our sins, return to him. Such In a republican government legislation a visitation of God's wrath will make us can never rise higher than public sentiment. either better or worse. Which has been the

Fourth. Political parties have been The decay of a nation's morals is so grad- nearly equal. The one party trying to hold nal, that even by the mass of intelligent the ascendency or the other to regain it, men it is unperceived. Emphatically is this | have used all kinds of means, both fair and the case in an age of great excitement, like foul. Passion and prejudice have so centhe present. Men may be everywhere talk- trolled the masses and also a very large ing of "moral reform," when corruption is proportion of the more intelligent and influ-While they propose to remedy certain plain side of the question. Men of all parties evils they do not see that the principles at | can see no wrong in their own party, while the bottom are wrong, and that these being they can see no right in the opposition. set right the greater wrongs will right them. Public speakers do not hesitate to vilify their opponents, and make statement after An eminent divine says: "Every nation statement that they know to be false, and ruined by internal discord probably passes the people know it, and yet they are received with the greatest enthusiasm. Not-First. The Patriotic: When engaged in withstanding this, there was and is enough laying the foundations of its government religion to save the country if it were not lects men of tried integrity and sound wis- have given their influence to put honor upon incompetent and bad men, so have they Second. The Ambitious Stage: When thus given to those men an influence still

> I know of an custance in our State where two men were candidates for the legislature, one was known to all that country as a man this possessing many qualifications for the honorable position. His opponent had no such reputation. Moreover, he was known to be in favor of the repeal of the "local option" law, then in force in that district, and which had brought untold blessings to the people and yet I know men -- Christian men-who not only knew and acknowledged the superiority of the former, but were indebted to him for much of their own success and comfort, whom he had served in ways that no other man could or would have served them, and had they voted for to their political party. When such principles control the best men of our land, is it surprising that we are to-day in such a sad state? Young mon see that statesmanship is no qualification for distinguished posi-

ons, and virtue a hindrance.

Surely good men have forgotten that
Surely good men have in authority the people rejoice; but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn."

Fifth. One of the most potent influences for injuring the morals of the country are under the control of men who are prac-Let me ask here then, in view of these tically infidel. They care nothing for mor-

filled to overflowing with local news; local burlesques; discussions of matters of very great purpose, that they might be the local interests; society gossip; spicy paraseeds of this truth to the blessing of all the but not one word in the interests of religion or the cause of Him who gave his life for

But space will not permit my following the subject to any greater length. I merely suggest these thoughts, which I trust may

But let me ask, where is our hope in this crisis? Can we expect reform in the high positions of the land? It does not come

It is to our young men and young women we look as the hope of the nation. When adornments of the body and more is given to beautifying the higher nature; when less attention is given to teaching children how to glide gracefully over the floor to the sound of sweet music, and to put on all those other arts that flatter and please, to the cultivation of the graces of the heart and the head; when the youth of the land are taught that righteousness exalts men and nations, and that this is the true glory of manhood and womanhood then may we

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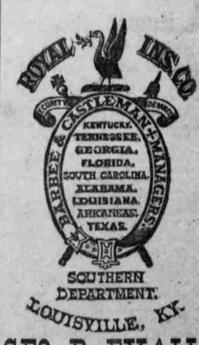
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